

Church Broughton Parish Council is seeking donations to help buy Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom

The Parish Council has been trying to purchase the Methodist Chapel for use as a small community centre. Unfortunately, after a considerable delay, we have been advised that the building will be put on the open market, to be sold by competitive public auction, towards the end of July 2022.

Last year, following a Parish consultation, the Parish Council set aside some cash reserves, secured a substantial grant from South Derbyshire District Council, and obtained approval from the UK Government to take out a Public Works Loan, to make a bid to buy the building. Detailed background of the project, including consultation results and business plan can be found on the Parish Council section of the Church Broughton village website. The recent interest rate increases and property market growth mean that we are unlikely to have enough funds to secure a purchase at auction. The Parish Council is reluctant to borrow more money via the Public Works Loan which would potentially require further increases to the local Council Tax precept, but we are keen to do the best we can for the community to acquire the Methodist Chapel and schoolroom.

The Parish Council is aware of people who are prepared to contribute financially. We are therefore seeking donations from anyone who would willing to help us acquire the building.

Donations of any size will be welcomed, although we think that tens of thousands of pounds will be required to add to our existing budget. Donors' names and contact details will remain confidential and only disclosed to those people within the Parish Council who need them to carry out their jobs. Donations will be received without obligation or condition, other than they will be returned if the Parish Council does not manage to acquire the building. If the Parish Council succeeds in acquiring the building, any surplus cash will be held in the Parish Council cash reserves for local projects which benefit the community, such as towards maintenance or refurbishment of the chapel and schoolroom building. Donations are required by Thursday 21st July 2022, after which the Parish Council will hold a special meeting to review the budget for auction.

If you would like to discuss this project, please contact Dan Pedley on 01283 585477 or djwpedley@googlemail.com or Helena Steeples on admin@churchbroughtonpc.org.uk

If you would like to donate, please complete the form below, and send it to Helena Steeples, Clerk to the Church Broughton Parish Council, Barton Fields Farm, Longford Lane, Church Broughton DE65 5AP, or email a scanned image or photograph to admin@churchbroughtonpc.org.uk

Payment is preferred by cheque to "Church Broughton Parish Council". Alternatively, by bank transfer to Natwest Bank, Church Broughton Parish Council, sort code 52-10-35 account 96653183, using your name as the reference for the transfer.

Name:			
Address:			
Tel nbr:			
Contribution amount:	£	Cheque enclosed	Y / N
		Bank transfer made	Y / N

I understand that in making a donation, it is done so without condition or obligation, other than it will be returned to me if the Parish Council does not acquire the Church Broughton Methodist Chapel.

Signature: _____

Date: _____